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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISITS BY SENIOR SOVIET MILITARY FIGURES

1. 20 DEC RED STAR ANNOUNCES THAT 1 ST DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, CHIEF OF THE GEN STAFF, MARSHAL N.V. OGARKOV DEPARTED ON 19 DEC FOR OFFICIAL VISITS IN LIBYA AND ALGERIA. 21 DEC RED STAR REPORTS THAT MARSHAL OGARKOV ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI, AS THE GUEST OF LIBYAN DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL DZHABER (PHONETIC).

2. 21 DEC RED STAR ALSO ANNOUNCES THAT 1ST DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ARMY GEN. S.L. SOKOLOV DEPARTED ON 20 DEC FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN ANGOLA AS THE GUEST OF DEFENSE MINISTER COMMANDANT E.T. KARREIR.

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3. COMMENT: MARSHAL OGARKOV'S VISIT TO NORTH AFRICA APPARENTLY REPRESENTS THE DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF A VISIT WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED LAST AUGUST AS BEING PLANNED FOR THAT MONTH. OGARKOV WAS UNABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT THAT TIME DUE TO HIS REPORTED HOSPITALIZATION FOR A HEART PROBLEM. HIS JOURNEY AT THIS POINT REFLECTS HIS CONTINUED RECOVERY FROM THAT ILLNESS AND MAY BE CONNECTED AS WELL

TO THE CURRENT RAPID FLOW OF EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
GENERAL SOKOLOV'S TRIP TO ANGOLA IS HIS SECOND FOREIGN
VISIT IN THE PAST 2 MONTHS; HE VISITED JORDAN IN MID-
NOVEMBER. THIS LATEST TRIP IS MOST LIKELY A
ROUTINE RETURN CALL ON THE ANGOLAN DEFENSE MINISTER WHO
VISITED MOSCOW EARLIER THIS YEAR.

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